



Key Takeaways

Layer 7	Focus on API management and security. Essential since it ties into VA centralized security model, regardless of use case.
CA Technologies	Strength in application performance management. Ensures SOA meets the needs of the business. Supports SOA governance.
Microsoft	Emphasis on development of SOA services from a top-down perspective based on the needs of the business. Alignment with ESS SOA initiative of focusing on essential business processes.
Oracle	Strength in providing SOA support services. Support open standards (Open source is not equal to open standards). Open-source ESBs such as Mule may end up being more expensive than vendor products due to costs for hardware, admin support, etc.
IBM	Strength in traditional databases but also provides non-relational database solutions. Continue to use tools that VA currently own that work well and to only buy Oracle additional tools that enable, leverage and enhance current processes and tools. Traditional Oracle databases configurable with NoSQL.